(b) if so, whether it will adversely affect the chances of smaller places like tribal district like Yavatmal in Maharashtra to be on the airmap; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to connect Yavatmal by air in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee appointed to review the existing Route Dispersal Guidelines is yet to submit its report.

(c) Presently, Indian Airlines has no plans to connect Yavatmal by Air.

Variation in prices of aviation fuel

20. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the price of the aviation fuel in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai respectively;

(b) the reason for such a variation of prices in each such case with break up of tax and other duties; and

(c) the steps contemplated to overcome this variation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI) : (a) and (b) The prices of ATF effective 1st November, 2003 is given below:

Domestic flights

City	Basic Rate (per KL) (Inc. Excise Duty)	Sales Tax	Total
Delhi	17033.96	3406.79	20440.75
Mumbai	16550.88	4137.72	20688.60
Kolkata	19335.33	4833.83	24169.16
Chennai	17344.54	5029.92	22374.46

(Note: Basic Rate is inclusive of Excise Duty and other charges as levied by petroleum companies).

International flights

Bonded Price City	(USD per Kilolitre) Basic Rate	Sales Tax	Total
Delhi	321.54	64.31	285.85
Mumbai	311.92	62.38	374.30
Kolkata	342.94	85.74	428.68
Chennai	304.66	88.35	393.01

The variation in price of ATF from airport to airport is due to difference in rates of sales tax from State to State and add-ons by Oil Companies for handling, distribution & profit margin etc. from airport to airport.

(c) Ministry of Civil Aviation has requested State Governments to consider reducing Sales Tax on ATF.

Losses due to air crashes

†21. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of air crashes that occurred or were averted due to technical faults or other reasons during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for such mishaps and the details of the loss sufferred by Indian Airlines as a consequence thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to avert the recurrence of accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) There have been 17 accidents to Indian civil registered aircraft during the last three years *i.e.* from 2001 to 2003 (till date)

(b) These aircrashes occurred due to technical snags or adverse weather conditions or human error. There was no accident to Indian Airlines aircraft during the last three years.

(c) Following steps have been taken by the Government to avert the recurrence of air accidents :—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.